

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 15. (Currently Amended): A radio control device comprising:

a first set of input mechanisms each having similar characteristics and located on the radio control device, said first set of input mechanisms initially undefined with respect to operational functions of the radio control device;

means for assigning operational functions of a first type to each of the first set of input mechanisms;

a second set of input mechanisms each having similar characteristics that differ from said first set of input mechanisms, and located on the radio control device, said second set of input mechanisms initially undefined with respect to operational functions of the radio control device;

means for assigning operational functions of a second type to each of the second set of input mechanisms; and

an electronic display identification means for indicating the assigned operational function given to each of the input mechanisms.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented): The radio control device of Claim 15 wherein the first set of input mechanisms and second set of input mechanisms are selected from the group including rotary encoders, push button switches, and potentiometers.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended): The radio control device of Claim 15 wherein the operational functions are selected from the group including frequency adjustment, volume adjustment, squelch adjustment, and bandwidth adjustment.

Claim 18. (Previously Presented): A radio control device comprising:
a plurality of interchangeable input mechanisms, each input mechanism assignable by a user to a radio control operational function selected from among a set of radio control operational functions, the radio control device further comprising a data port for receiving instructions from an external computer and a controller for coordinating the input mechanisms with their respective assigned radio control operational function, where said assignments of each radio control operational function by the user are first performed on an external computer, and then such assignments are converted into instructions for the controller and communicated by the external computer to the controller of the radio control device via the data port.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended): The radio control device of Claim ~~10~~ 18 wherein the interchangeable input mechanisms are located in pairs, and each input mechanism of said pairs are located on respective right and left hand sides of the radio controlled device.

Claim 20. (Currently Amended): The radio control device of Claim ~~10~~ 18 wherein the interchangeable input mechanisms are selected from the group comprising rotary encoders, push button switches, and potentiometers.

Claim 21. (Currently Amended): The radio control device of Claim ~~10~~ 18 wherein the plurality of interchangeable input mechanisms are subdivided into first and second input mechanism types, a first input mechanism type assignable to radio control operational functions of a first group, and a second input mechanism type assignable to radio control operational functions of a second group, where there is no radio control operational function common to both the first group and the second group.

Claim 22. (Previously Presented): A hand held radio control device comprising:

- an antenna;
- a microcomputer;
- a transmitter;
- a plurality of command input devices used for wireless remote control of a remote device;
- a data link connecting the hand held radio control device's microcomputer with an external computer; and
- means for reassigning functions of said command input devices using said data link.